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A programming system with macroinstructions

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TEXT: The programming system described was set up by collaborators of the Steklov Institute under the guidance of L. V. Kantorovich. Its principal characteristics are as follows: (1) use of macroinstructions, i.e., instructions that release a sequence of individual operations; (2) introduction of operations referring to "sub-quantities", such as the rows and columns of a matrix regarded as a quantity; (3) generalisation of the concept of formula, in a way which allows for the nature of the quantities involved in using a formula. If, for instance, the summands in an addition instruction are numbers, an ordinary addition is performed, but if the summands are vectors, then a vector addition is

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carried out. These properties make it possible to use the system for a concise programming of algorithms involved in solving systems of linear equations, in certain difference methods, and in analytic transformations. No reference is made to any particular computer.